

# The Cougar Chronicle



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## Important February Dates:

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| Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance | 6    |
| Scholastic Book Fair            | 8-12 |
| Spaghetti Bake                  | 10   |
| School Holiday—President's Day  | 15   |

## Spaghetti Bake, Book Fair next week

You can follow up dinner with a good book or two next week during the 8th Annual Spaghetti Bake dinner and Scholastic Book Fair.

This year's Spaghetti Bake will be held on Wednesday, February 10, from 5:15–6:45 p.m. Adult plates are \$5 and child's plates are \$3, and include salad, spaghetti, bread, drink, and dessert.

After dinner, you can shop at the Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair, which will

be held at the school all week, will be open for Spaghetti Bake diners to shop Wednesday night.

The sales goal for the book fair this year is \$3,000, which would earn NTCA \$1,500 in library books. Last year the school's book fair earned vouchers for almost \$2,200 worth of books, which were used to build up the library, classroom

### Plan Your Book Fair Visit

- Feb. 8, 1:30 – 4 p.m. (Class Previews during the school day)
- Feb. 9–11, 8 – 10 a.m. and 1:30 – 4 p.m.
- Feb. 10, 5:15 – 6:45 p.m. (During the Spaghetti Bake)
- Feb. 12, 8 – 10 a.m.

libraries, and teacher resources.

"We had a tremendous book fair last year and are looking forward to another successful one this year," said Janet Chowning, who

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## Dance tickets still available

Reservations are still available for the NTCA Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance, which will be held Saturday, February 6, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the school gym.

Tickets for the event are \$25 per family. It is for all Dads, Uncles, Papas, and for every special someone who has a little princess, said event organizer Eve Mendoza. There will be a live DJ, photography, games, gifts to raffle, and refreshments.

Not only is this a great opportunity for little girls ages 4 years old through sixth grade to have a "date" with Daddy, but it will also help our fourth, fifth and sixth grade students. All profits from the dance will go toward their trip to the Academic Meet, which will be held in Austin later this month.

If you have any questions, please call the school office (214) 544-1794.

## Open enrollment continues

Open enrollment for the general public has begun and will continue until classes fill for NTCA's 2010–2011 school year. You will receive 1/2 off the regular enrollment fee if you enroll by March 12th. There is so much excitement and anticipation coming with a new school year, and you will

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## "Raising Kids with Character" event in April

NTCA will host a special event in April on the important topic "Values and Virtues: Raising Kids with Character."

NTCA is privileged to bring you Rick Atchley, dynamic speaker, author and minis-

ter of Richland Hills Church of Christ in Fort Worth. The event will be held Thursday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the NTCA gym.

We hope you mark your calendars and plan to attend this one-of-a-kind

event, which benefits our school. Tickets are \$30 per person, and include a pasta dinner with salad and dessert. Free childcare is provided with reservation. Children of our guests will enjoy a pizza

party and movie in the Kids Zone room during this event.

Look for registration forms soon in email newsletters, the Cougar Chronicle and the NTCA website.

### *A Message from Mrs. Young*

It is hard to believe that it is already February. NTCA received so many blessing in 2009, and 2010 is promising to be filled with many more. This is a busy month at our school with enrollment for next year, the Daddy/Daughter Dance, and the Book Fair/Spaghetti Dinner. I would encourage you to take an active role in the events that serve as fundraisers for our school. The Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance will raise money for the 4-6th graders to attend the TCSA Academic Meet in Austin. Our book fair and spaghetti dinner provide books and funds for our learning center.

Please take time to complete your re-enrollment form and send in your paperwork with the appropriate fees. Remember, you will save half on enrollment fees by completing those forms before March 12.

We are also planning a special event for NTCA on April 1. You have received an email with a "save-the-date" about this special evening. Rick Atchley is an excellent speaker and accomplished author. I think you will be blessed by his message, "Values and Virtues: Raising Kids with Character." Please mark your calendar to attend and use this opportunity to invite friends and family. This is a great time to show others about NTCA.

The opportunities and possibilities for North Texas Christian Academy are endless. Remember that God, through his promises, can help us accomplish anything.



**Cougar P.R.I.D.E. –**  
**It takes TEAM WORK**  
**to make the**  
**DREAM WORK**

### Open enrollment (continued)

want to be a part of it.

Next school year will see a few changes in the school. With the addition of 7th grade, NTCA will have middle school students for the first time. The 6th and 7th grades will be considered middle school for the 2010-2011 school year. There will also be changes in the 4-year-old program. Next year's program will offer classes 3 or 5 days a week for all 4-year-old students. Many families already choose this option and this will allow for more growth as we expand with more classes.

The re-enrollment process will now be completed through RenWeb. This should allow the school to update records and track enrollment in a more efficient manner.

To begin, you will need to go to [www.renweb.com](http://www.renweb.com). If you have never logged in before or

do not remember how to log in, the school code and the directions for obtaining your password were sent home in your child's folder. Once you have successfully logged in, click on the "family information" bar on the left hand side. This will open a new screen where you will click on "re-enrollment" also on the left hand side. Check your child's name, click "next" and then follow the onscreen directions. Continue until you have clicked "finish." Please do this for each child you are re-enrolling.

Please return any forms that you were asked to print along with enrollment fees.

If you have difficulty logging on or do not have access to a computer, please call the school office (214-544-1794) for assistance.

## Cougar of the Month

Jacob Kilpatrick was the December Cougar of the Month. He is a fourth grader in Mrs. Paige Scott's class.

"Jacob demonstrates a content attitude through his positive spirit," Mrs. Scott said. "Jacob always has a smile on his face, and he finds joy in the things around him. His attitude inspires the rest of us to be content with the Lord's blessings."

Congratulations, Jacob!



Jacob Kilpatrick

## Book fair (continued)

coordinates the fundraisers.

The book fair offers quality books at affordable prices for all ages — preschool, elementary, middle school, and adults.

To accommodate the busy schedules of parents, elementary students will be given class time to shop the book fair. If you can't make it to this event in person, you may shop from the flyer sent home last week, fill out the order form, and return it with money to school. The flyer is not a complete list of books at the book fair, but a sampling. If you won't be attending the book fair, please turn in your order by Monday, February 8, with your cash or check payable to "NTCA" (add 8.25% tax).

You can also check out the book fair website at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/ntca>.

For planning purposes, please let us know if you will be attending the Spaghetti Dinner using the form on page 5 of this newsletter.

## December Students of the Week

### Week of November 30

KR – Gannon McGinnis and Joseph Bennett

K – Abraham Ndofo

1st – Hayden Winstead

2nd – Lexi Santiago

3rd – Colton Leach

4th – Jacob Kilpatrick

5th/6th – Kelsey Jones

### Week of December 7

KR – Jaci Seale and Joseph Bennett

K – Dylan Ndoko

1st – Luke Van Druff

2nd – Trinity Cristina

3rd – Ryan Vilches

4th – Clay Chapman

5th/6th – Justin Kirkconnell



## Classroom News

### Mrs. Wallace's

#### Kindergarten Readiness Class

The Kindergarten Readiness and Kindergarten classes joined together for Winter Fun Day on January 26. Students from each class were put into groups and rotated through various centers. We had a snowman center where students made an edible snowman. We used a banana for his body, mini chocolate chips for his eyes, julienne carrots for his nose, mini M&M's for buttons, pretzel sticks for arms

and an apple slice for his hat. Then we ate him as our tasty treat. Students also drew pictures of their snowman with chalk on black construction paper. A dentist will visit the Kindergarten Readiness and Kindergarten classes in February.

#### Second Grade

Second graders are experimenting with worms this month to learn how animals behave. They have loved learning everything they can about

animals, from what they eat to what kind of habitat they must be in to survive. Soon we will begin our Flat Stanley project. Along with reading this fun chapter book, we will all choose a family friend or relative who does not live in Texas to send a letter to. In Math, we are just beginning to learn the meaning of multiplication in preparation for memorizing the first multiplication facts. We have also begun to learn the elements of a story and are writing our own stories about pets, trains, and lost scarves!



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## Join Cougar P.R.I.D.E.

As our school grows it becomes vitally important and necessary for our parents to have an increased role in school events and activities. We are seeking Cougar families who have gifts, talents, skills and a little extra time to become involved in the Cougar P.R.I.D.E. Committee.

P.R.I.D.E. stands for Philanthropy, Resource, Internal Communications, Development, and Events. Each area has opportunities for volunteers.

- **Philanthropy**—Helping our students develop a giving heart and generous spirit of serving others, such as Shoes for Or-

phan Souls

- **Resource**—a.k.a. "fund-raising" to help keep tuition rates reasonable and provide scholarships.
  - **Internal Communications**—newsletter, web site
  - **Development**—Everything from developing relationships with businesses to developing programs for our students.
  - **Events**— Internal events such as the book fair and external events that give our students visibility in the community.
- To volunteer, contact Joy Beach at 214.544.1794 or

Preparing students for life and faith through a superior scholastic, social and spiritual experience

### Save the Date:

March 15-19 — Spring Break

April 1 — "Values and Virtues: Raising Kids with Character"

## February Lunch Volunteer Schedule

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for helping with our lunch program. If you can help with our lunches, or if you need to reschedule for any reason, please contact Theresa Winstead at 214.544.1794 or email her at [twinstead@northtexaschristian.org](mailto:twinstead@northtexaschristian.org).

| Monday                             | Tuesday                             | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1<br>Jason Bartlett, Kim Jones     | 2<br>Cirrie Martin, Colleen Haaland | 3<br>Eve Mendoza, Linda Ndofo, Joe Hicks, Tina Tennison           | 4<br>Marie Hoke, Anndria Wilson                  | 5<br>Alison Mains, Sharon Dunlap, Heather Rose, Tamra Kearn  |
| 8<br>Jason Bartlett, Liesl Bowman  | 9<br>Colleen Haaland                | 10<br>Kelly Chacon, Chris Vilches, Colleen Haaland, Tina Tennison | 11<br>Holly Milstead                             | 12<br>Alison Mains, Ken Dunlap, Teresa Shaw, Rita Atkins     |
| 15<br>No School                    | 16<br>Colleen Haaland               | 17<br>Eve Mendoza, Linda Ndofo, Joe Hicks, Tina Tennison          | 18<br>Anndria Wilson, Holly Milstead, Marie Hoke | 19<br>Alison Mains, Sharon Dunlap, Heather Rose, Tamra Kearn |
| 22<br>Jason Bartlett, Liesl Bowman | 23<br>Colleen Haaland               | 24<br>Kelly Chacon, Chris Vilches, Colleen Haaland, Tina Tennison | 25   | 26<br>Alison Mains, Ken Dunlap, Teresa Shaw, Rita Atkins     |



## 2010 Spaghetti Bake Dinner



February 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:15 – 6:45 p.m.

For planning purposes, please let us know if you will be attending the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Bake dinner on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, from 5:15 – 6:45 pm Dinner will include spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and drink.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adult plates (\$5.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children (under 12) plates (\$3.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please do not send money to school.** Cashiers will be available to collect your money at the door on the night of the Spaghetti Bake dinner.

**Form due by Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Complete and return form by Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Please check all that you are willing to do; someone will contact you with your "assignment(s)."

\_\_\_\_\_ **Provide Layered Spaghetti Bake.** Recipe will be provided; spaghetti should be dropped off at school on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> afternoon or in Wednesday morning carpool on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Provide 2 dozen brownies or cookies.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Assist in preparation and service of food on Wednesday night (5:00 – 6:30 pm).**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Assist in clean-up of kitchen on Wednesday night (6:30 – 7:30 pm).**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Work at the book fair.** Book fair times are Monday 1:30 – 4:00 pm, Tuesday - Thursday 8:00-10:00 am and 1:30 – 4:00 pm, Wednesday 5:15 - 6:45 pm and Friday 8:00-10:00 am **ONLY.**

Please indicate which day(s) and time(s) you are available to help.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Receive food at pick-up on Tuesday or at drop-off on Wednesday.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **General help on Wednesday night (cashier, direct traffic, etc.)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Form due by Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

